

THE BALLINCOLLIG PARISHIONER

Sunday 04-December-2016

Second Sunday of Advent

Through the scriptures God has given us the hope of justice for the poor and a longing for peace and harmony among people. Christ came to fulfil that promise, but to receive it we must turn our lives away from everything that is sinful.



**Christ Our Light
Innishmore**

150 Years



**St. Mary & St. John
Station Road**

Society of Saint Vincent de Paul.

St. John's Conference, Ballincollig and Ballinora.

This year, more than any other year, we need your help at Christmas. Calls for assistance, from families in the Ballincollig and Ballinora areas, are up considerably since last year and we anticipate that these calls, for our assistance, will continue to increase. This, as you will understand, places huge seasonal demands on our resources.

Once again, with the kind permission and encouragement of the priests in our parish, we are holding our Annual Christmas Collection at all Masses on Saturday and Sunday, 10th and 11th of December 2016.

We in the Vincent de Paul Society in Ballincollig and Ballinora, are a family visitation conference. We witness poverty and its effects on families; we are constantly faced with families who live from week to week struggling to make ends meet. We see the parents who are constantly worrying about which bill to pay this week from their meagre resources, be it electricity, heating, rent or mortgage, education, clothing etc.

The Society in the Ballincollig and Ballinora areas, is currently providing assistance to over 200 families; this is up considerably since last year. We have funded local activities such as health care, home assistance, education, summer breaks etc. and where there is someone in need we are always there to assist in every way possible. We greatly depend on your generosity to fund our work and you have not failed us. The goodness and kindness of the Parishioners of Ballincollig and Ballinora empowers us to continue the work of those who have served the local community so well over the past decades.

Thank you once again for your generous support throughout the past year. Your loyalty to the local Vincent de Paul Society has made a valuable difference. Should anyone be in need you can call us at the Cork Regional Office on 021-4270444 or the local Conference on 087-6651707.

Thank you again for your generosity and support.

PRAYERS OF THE FAITHFUL

Priest

The Lord works marvels for those who trust in him. With confidence, let us pray for our many needs.

Reader

For the Church: that it may be a place where people can experience the loving presence and tender mercy of God.

**Lord, Hear us,
Lord, graciously hear us.**

For the leaders of governments: that God may inspire them to work for a just and peaceful world.

**Lord, Hear us,
Lord, graciously hear us.**

For doctors, nurses and all whose task it is to care for the sick and the wounded: that God may give them sensitive hands and compassionate hearts.

**Lord, Hear us,
Lord, graciously hear us.**

For those who are finding life a burden too heavy to bear and for this community: that we may remain steadfast in faith and untiring in love.

**Lord, Hear us,
Lord, graciously hear us.**

For those who are suffering the effects of war, famine and persecution in particular the people of Aleppo, Mosul & Nigeria.

**Lord, Hear us,
Lord, graciously hear us.**

For a moment, we remember in silence our own particular needs.

**Lord, Hear us,
Lord, graciously hear us.**

Priest

Lord God, you have prepared fitting remedies for our weakness; grant that we may reach out gladly for your healing grace, and thereby live in accordance with your will. We ask this through Christ our Lord. Amen

Second Sunday of Advent

Lord, may we be open to Your healing grace as we take another step, preparing for You in our hearts. "Let us see, O Lord, Your mercy, And give us Your saving Help"



In his days justice shall flourish and peace till the moon fails.

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† IN SYMPATHY †

PLEASE PRAY FOR THE FAMILY AND FRIENDS OF THE RECENTLY DECEASED :

Siobhán Monahan, Templeogue, Dublin.
 Cian Power, Passage West.
 Marie O’Leary Magazine Road/Mardyke & Sacred Heart.
 Martin Connolly, Derrylugga, Skibbereen.
 Stephen James Hogan, The Oaks.

PLEASE PRAY FOR THE REPOSE OF THE SOULS OF THE FOLLOWING WHOSE ANNIVERSARY OCCURS OR OTHERWISE REMEMBERED:

Pat Spillane, Fair Hill.
 Mary Anne Sheehan, Kilcorney.
 Patrick & Denis Goggin, St. Lukes.
 Mary Dineen, Shandon View.
 Robert, Sheila & Adriene Curling, Ivy Circle.
 Betty Hickey, Los Angeles.
 Arthur Bajoras, Glendower Court.
 Patrick O’Donovan, The Crescent.
 Catherine O’Sullivan, Adrigole.
 Mick Hennigan, Station Road.
 Stephen O’Sullivan, Rosewood.
 Philip & Nora Holland, Bishopstown/Timoleague.
 Joe Kelly Lynch.
 Margaret & Michael Leahy, Blackrock.
 Agnes Kavanagh, Fr Sexton Park.
 Jim O’Driscoll, Classis.
 Maria Wall, Carrigrohane/Fairhill.
 Dec. Members of Carroll Family, Crookstown.
 Timothy & Maureen O’Connell, Ballingulley.
 Therese & Hillary Browne, Frankfield.
 William Devereux, Clogheen, Co. Tipperary.
 Daniel Coomey, Carriganarra.
 Eugene O’Sullivan, Castleknock.
 Eddie Delmer, Kildare.
 Tom & Kate Durcan, Ahakeera, Co Mayo.
 John Buttimer, Churchview.
 Kevin & Sadbh McCarthy, Rosewood.
 Johanna O’Shea, Skibbereen.
 Josephine Foley, Newcestown.
 Neilus Hennigan, Skibbereen.
 Tommy Daly, Leemount.
 Paul Wall, Churchfield.
 Ann O’Leary, Innishmore.

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Second Week Of Advent

04 Sunday Is. 11:1-10. Ps. 71. Rom. 15:4-9. Mt. 3:1-12. Lect I: 24
 05 Monday Is. 35:1-10. Ps. 84. Lk. 5:17-26. Lect I:33
 06 Tuesday Is. 40:1-11. Ps. 95. Mt. 18:12-14. Lect I:35
 07 Wednesday Is 40:25-31. Ps. 102. Mt. 11 :28-30. Lect I: 38
 08 Thursday Gen. 3:9-15, 20. Ps. 97. Eph. 1:3-6, 11-12. Lk. 1:26-38. Lect I: 1009
 or Lect II:1289
 09 Friday Is. 48:17-19. Ps. 1. Mt. 11:16-19. Lect I:42
 10 Saturday Sir. 48:1-4,9-11. Ps. 79. Mt. 17:10-13. Lect I:44

Next Sunday’s Readings 11-December-2016

Is. 35:1-6, 10. Ps. 145. Jm. 5:7-10. Mt. 11:2-11. Lect I: 46

BAPTISMS

WE WELCOME TO OUR COMMUNITY ALL THOSE WHO WERE BAPTISED RECENTLY :

Edward Richard Gabriel-Fahy, Old Quarter.
 Cody Joseph Duggan, Tower.
 Zac James Burke, Old Quarter
 Sadbh Chandra Ellanti, Poulavone.

THE SUNDAY READINGS

First Reading: Isaiah 11:1-10
 The vision of the peace that will come when all people worship the one God.
 Second Reading: Romans 15:4-9
 Paul reminds us that the scriptures were written to teach about God's promises.
 Gospel: Matthew 3:1-12.
 In Matthew's Gospel, we learn of John's continued warning for us to be ready for Jesus when he comes again. It is not enough that we are sons and daughters of Abraham, but by our own desire, we want to live a life pleasing to God. The Gospel challenges us to bear fruit. It was not enough for the Sadducees nor is it enough for us to simply follow the rules and rituals of our faith. The very actions of lives must show what we believe about our faith.

Reflection for Parents

We Christians come in daily contact with other people whether at work, in our neighbourhoods, or schools. We have opportunities throughout the day to witness our faith by our actions and words, but what greater audience do we have than our own children? They watch us and listen to us. They imitate our every action and mimic our expressions. It is important that we witness our faith to all we meet, but no audience is more important than our families. Sometimes we need to take some quiet "desert time" like we find in today's Gospel in order to focus our lives more intentionally on what is truly important.

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The Irish Blood Transfusion Service

Will hold a Blood Donor clinic
 From 5th – 8th December 2016
 Monday & Tuesday in The GAA Pavilion, Ballincollig
 Wednesday & Thursday in Eire Og GAA Hall, Ovens
 from 5pm - 8.30pm each day

Muskerry Local History Society

Lecture on Seán Ó'Riordáin and Launch of Journal
 Dermot O'Donovan is giving a lecture on one of Ireland's
 greatest modern poets, Seán Ó'Riordáin. Dermot will explore
 Seán Ó'Riordáin's cultural background as an emigrés in Innis-
 carra, the life of poet and the memories of local people, as
 well as aspects of his poetry. The lecture will begin at 8.00 pm
 on Monday, 5th December in Ballincollig Rugby Club. The
 lecture will be preceded 7.30 pm by the launch of Times Past,
 2015-16, the journal of Muskerry Local History Society.

L'Arche Christmas Fair

Sunday 4th December
 10 – 4pm
 In L'Arche Day Service, Togher
 (in between school and Church on Togher Rd,)
 Beautiful hand crafted gifts
 from L'Arche Cork and L'Arche Bethlehem.
 Music, Cake Sale, Book Sale,
 Raffle and lots more...
 In aid of people with an intellectual disability
 Admission free

Christmas Support

Volunteers to put up Christmas Decorations for Older People
 Christmas is a wonderful time of the year, but what if you are
 unable to put up Christmas decorations to give your home
 that festive feel? "Many older people, particularly those who
 live alone, cannot easily put up a Christmas tree or other
 decorations in their homes. Simply getting them down from
 the attic can be an impossible task" said Age Action Regional
 Manager John O'Mahony.
 All year round volunteers from Age Action's Care & Repair
 programme do odd-jobs and DIY work for older people free of
 charge. Jobs that volunteers can do include gardening,
 moving furniture, putting up smoke alarms, small repairs and
 small painting/ decorating jobs. According to Mr. O'Mahony
 "The aim of the Care & Repair programme is to help people
 with tasks around the home that can become difficult as we
 grow older. Ultimately we want to support people to remain
 living in their own homes for as long as they wish in increased
 safety and comfort."
 If you would like assistance putting your Christmas
 decorations or with any other tasks around the home, simply
 call Age Action on 021-4536554Volunteers to put up
 Christmas Decorations for Older People

Say Your Prayers

If you have spiritual or religious beliefs, you probably have
 access to one of the world's most time honoured methods of
 achieving tranquility: prayer.

Bulletin Board

Feast of the Immaculate Conception

Thursday December 8th is a Holy Day of Obligation
 Masses Times
 St. Mary & St. John
 8.30am 10.00am & 8pm
 Christ our Light
 12.30pm & 6.30pm
 Vigil Mass as usual 7.30pm

Taize Prayer Group

Taize will meet in in Sonas house, Station Road on Friday, 9th
 December at 7pm. All are welcome.

Baptism Preparation

The next Baptism preparation will take place on Saturday 4th
 February at 12.00 noon in the Library Room, Community Hall,
 Station Road. The presentation lasts for approximately forty
 minutes. The following questions are addressed, What is
 Baptism? What are the symbols used in the Sacrament of
 Baptism? How can the family become involved in the
 ceremony? Parents might book the baptism a few weeks in
 advance to give ample time to take part in the preparation.

Advent Retreat

We wish to thank people who attended the Advent Retreat
 and those who helped to deliver the fliers. We really
 appreciate your support.

Penitential Service

Monday 19th December, 2016
 Church of Christ Our Light at 8pm

Carol Service

Church of St Mary & St John
 Sunday 18th December, 2016 at 7.00pm

Hope Foundation

Saidhb O'Sullivan from Ballincollig is in Calcutta for a year.
 She is looking for your support. Envelopes will be available
 on the seats in Christ our Light Church this weekend. Your
 support is much appreciated.

Mass Diaries

Mass Diaries to book Mass intentions for January, February
 and March 2017 will be opened in both churches on
 Saturday 10th December at 9.00am
 Priority will be given to those booking 1st Anniversary Mass.

Fr. George

Anam Cara

The organisation that supports bereaved parents, is holding
 its next monthly Parent Evening on Wednesday 7th of De-
 cember from 19:30 to 21:00 in Brú Columbanus, Cardinal
 Way, Wilton, Cork. This event is open to all bereaved par-
 ents regardless of the age your child died, the circumstances
 of their death, or whether the death was recent or not.

MINISTERS OF THE WORD

Dec-10 & Dec-11-2016

St. Mary & St. John

Christ Our Light

6:00 pm (Vigil)
Sandra Walsh
Brayden Peck
8:30 am
Pat Fennell
Kate Healy
10:00 am
Oisín Morin
Emer Conway
12:00 Noon
Sean Hennessy
Shane Lehane

7:30 pm (Vigil)
Fiona Feely
11:00 am
Joseph Buckley
12:30 pm
Bernard Vallely/Siobhan Keane
Colm Walsh
5:30 pm
Kevin Tuohy

MASS TIMES

St. Mary & St. John

Christ Our Light

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| 8:30 am, 10 am & 12 noon | Sunday | 11 am, 12:30 pm & 5:30 pm |
| 9:30 am | Monday | 8:30 am |
| 9:30 am | Tuesday | 8:30 am |
| 9:30 am | Wednesday | 8:30 am & 7:30 pm (Vigil) |
| 8:30 am, 10 am & 8 pm | Thursday | 12:30 pm & 6:30 pm |
| 9:30 am | Friday | 8:30 am |
| 10:00 am & 6 pm (Vigil) | Saturday | 7:30 pm (Vigil) |

CONFESSIONS

After 10:00 am Mass & before 6:00 pm Mass **Saturday**

BAPTISMS

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| 4:30 pm | Saturday | 4:30 pm |
| Except First Saturday of Month | | First Saturday of Month |
| 12:45 pm | Sunday | |

PARISH CLERGY

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|--------------------------|-------------|
| Priest on Duty | 087-2479140 |
| Fr. George O'Mahony P.P. | 021-4871206 |
| Fr. Cian O'Sullivan C.C. | 021-4876171 |

Funeral Pastoral Team Rota

05-Dec-2016 to 11-Dec-2016
Brid Dunne

Social / Coffee Mornings

Continue every Friday morning in parish house "Sonas" on Station Road at 10 am.
Everyone welcome as it is an ideal opportunity to get and know people from our community.



MINISTERS OF THE EUCHARIST

Dec-10 & Dec-11-2016

St. Mary & St. John

Christ Our Light

6.00 pm Eileen Murphy
Ted Nelligan
Maurice Bunyan
Sheila Walshe
Katie Collins
Aisling Leahy

7:30 pm John O'Donoghue
Mary Dineen
Mairead Keenan
Kay O'Sullivan

8:30 am Helen Kelly
Michael Crowley
Eileen Corkery

11:00 am Mona Bowen
Billy Barry
Mary Aylward / Pauline Baston
Diarmuid Horgan
Sylvia Manley

10:00 am Fionnuala McDonagh
Mary Buckley
Fiona Kelly
Katie O'Shea
Martin O'Leary
Andrej Janukowicz

12:30 pm Maura O'Driscoll
Mary Lehane
Dympna Byrne
suzanne Leech

12 Noon Ann-Marie Cosgrove
Phil Kennedy
Ellen O'Sullivan
Ursula McAuliffe
Sally Crowley
Helen Plunkett

5:30 pm Shelia Curran
Elizabeth O'Sullivan

Ballincollig Scout Bazaar - A Christmas tradition

Today Sunday, December 4th Ballincollig Bazaar at 2.00pm in the Community Hall – Don't Miss It!!

Now in its 31st year, the Bazaar is an essential part of Christmas in Ballincollig and one of the towns longest standing traditions. The Bazaar is always filled with bargains, Christmas cheer, toys, fun, games and much more.

To celebrate our 30th anniversary we are introducing some new stalls this year. We have excellent prizes, more great giveaways and some superb and unusual Christmas gifts to be picked up at very reasonable prices. There is something for everyone at the Ballincollig Bazaar. We have great prizes for the legendary 'Spin the Wheel' this year. Chocolates, wine, boxes of biscuits, succulent Turkeys and mouth watering hams and packed to capacity Christmas hampers are just some of the many prizes you can win. There is always a great festive atmosphere at the Bazaar and all are welcome to come to pick up unusual Christmas gifts, rare CDs, reasonable priced toys, second hand books and more. Our auction at the end of the day always offers up some fantastic bargains and great fun as the bidding heats up. Books, Cakes, Toys, Plants, Bric a Brac, Games, Spot Prizes and Hampers will all be available to buy or win at this year's Bazaar.

Santa Clause will visit the Bazaar to meet all the excited children. Face Painting, Balloons and Lollipops will make the Ballincollig Bazaar a very memorable day for children.

The Bazaar is always worth a visit. It's a great place to meet friends to pick up some early Christmas gifts and to support a very worthy cause.

All the proceeds of the Bazaar go directly to the Ballincollig Scout Group.